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THE CALIFORNIA LATINO CAUCUS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



HEALTH: UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Author	Bill #	Content of Bill
SEN Florez	SB 200	Authorizes DHS with power in the area of inspections, licensing and enforcement to ensure public health and safety of leafy green vegetables grown and marketed in CA. (It's the signature piece in the CA Produce Safety Action Plan)
ASSM Hernandez	AB 16	Requires that prior to admittance to the 7th grade, all female pupils (public and private) must be vaccinated for the human papillomavirus (HPV)
ASSM Mendoza	AB 97	Trans Fat Ban: All foods containing artificial trans fats must have less than .5 grams of trans fat per serving
SEN Oropeza	SB 7	Prohibits smoking in vehicles with minor passengers
SEN Padilla	SB 120	Would require restaurant chains with 10 or more locations to provide nutritional information for all standard items listed on the menu

HOUSING: HOMEOWNERSHIP & FINANCIAL SECURITY

Author	Bill #	Content of Bill
ASSM Nava	AB 762	Joe Serna Jr. Farm worker Grant Program
ASSM Saldaña	AB 1493	Appropriates \$40 million from Prop 1C Housing funds for local housing trusts. The Trusts may apply for grants on a dollar-for-dollar match basis to fund projects to provide low-income housing.
ASSM Saldaña	AB 763	Language Appropriate Notices for Tenants'
SEN Ducheny	SB 303	Amends the housing element process by requiring an update of the housing element and the actual zoning of the sites identified by local government for housing development to meet it's legal responsibilities.

EDUCATION: COLLEGE EDUCATION & COMPETITIVE WORKFORCE

Author	Bill #	Content of Bill
ASSM Alarcon	AB 173	Will establish the Comprehensive Student Support Program and allows for schools to participate in the program voluntarily
SEN Cedillo	SB 160	The CA Dream Act: allows AB 540 students apply for financial aid at CA public colleges and universities without the use of the FAFSA
ASSM Coto	AB 178	This bill provides \$150 per student for 3 yrs for schools which choose to adopt an A-G curriculum for all students and demonstrate reads.
ASSM De La Torre	AB 302	Cal Grant B: Would delete provisions of the Cal Grant Prog that limit the max amount of Cal Grant B awards to the access award amount received by students attending UC, CSU and nonpublic institutions, during the student's first academic year
ASSM De Leon	AB 179	School Finance – Adequacy: This bill would state findings and declarations of the Legislature regarding school finance.
SEN Ducheny	SB 305	Primary Language Achievement Test
ASSM Nava	AB 967	Establishes the Farm Fresh CA Program intended to reduce obesity, improve nutrition and public health, and strengthen local and regional ag economies
ASSM Soto	AB 50	Nell Soto Parent/Teacher Involvement Program

PRISON REFORM: PUBLIC PROTECTION & SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Author	Bill #	Content of Bill
SEN Romero	SB 110	Establishes a separate and independent Sentencing Commission to review our current sentencing structure and develop a new model that provides equitable and consistent sentencing throughout the State
SEN Negrete-McLeod	SB 818	Correctional Facilities: Rehabilitation and Re-Entry Facilities Bond Act of 2008

CIVIL RIGHTS: EQUITY, FREEDOM & ACCESS TO THE AMERICAN DREAM

Author	Bill #	Content of Bill
ASSM Caballero	AB 1029	Law Enforcement: Minority Recruitment:
ASSM Calderon	AB 976	Will prohibit cities and counties from enacting laws that will require landlords to enforce a law to determine any persons citizenship or immigration status
SEN Calderon	SB 887	Create "Life-line" service for low-income water customers
SEN Cedillo	SB 1	Establishes the Office of Immigrant Affairs
SEN Cedillo	SB 60	CA Real ID Act of 2007: requires CA to conform to federal law
ASSM Nava	AB 287	Authorizes a tax credit to qualified agricultural employer's that conducted an active agricultural trade or business in a county that had a state of emergency as a result of the freeze that began on January 11, 2007
SEN Oropeza	SB 382	Would Allow newly sworn-in citizens to register and vote up until the close of polls on Election Day.
ASSM Torrico	AB 615	Disaster Preparedness - LEP Community; Would develop a state plan to meet the needs of LEP individuals during a disaster.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

Author	Bill #	Content of Bill
SEN Padilla	SB 207	Establishes a permanent outdoor education and recreation program in the State Department of Recreation and Parks
ASSM De Leon	AB 31	Urban Parks: Allocating resources to provide funding for park-starved communities
ASSM De Leon	AB 255	Air Quality: Creates the Clean Air & Energy Independence Fund
SEN Florez	SB 71	CA Biodiesel Development Initiative (2nd piece): Requires all diesel-powered vehicles owned by city, county, and state governments and public mass transit entities to use a minimum blend of b20 biodiesel fuel and that the CA Energy Commission administer the program
SEN Florez	SB 72	CA Biodiesel Development Initiative (3rd piece): Establishes a program for school buses similar to the program proposed in SB 71

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC LIFE

Author	Bill #	Content of Bill
SEN Calderon	SB 113	Move primary election up to Feb 2008 (Signed into law 3/15/07)
ASSM Coto	AB 183	Makes registering to vote a high school graduation requirement
ASSM Solorio	AB 122	Voter Intimidation: Candidate Notification: It would require elections officials to provide a prospective candidate a copy of the provisions of law that prohibit voter intimidation and voter fraud and the penalties for violating those provisions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: ECONOMIC GROWTH & JOB CREATION

Author	Bill #	Content of Bill
ASSM Coto	AB 761	Provides technical assistance, bonding assistance, time line assistance and other to small businesses interested in applying for contracts actualizing the State's Infrastructure Bonds.
ASSM Arambula	AB 1491	Assistance for Small Business Subcontractors